

**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI :** May I know from Government whether they have got any idea of raising the duty on articles imported from Ceylon ?

**PRESIDENT :** Even if they have such an idea it cannot be divulged now because it will mean that people will make profit between now and the budget time.

**MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI :** May I know whether they have communicated the idea to the Ceylon Government ?

**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :** The Dewan President has already referred to the matter on the opening day. I have nothing more to add.

**MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI :** I wish to know whether this Government has communicated the idea to the Ceylon Government ?

**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :** No, Sir.

**MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI :** May I know whether Government have made enquiries to the number of persons affected ?

**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :** They have made enquiries but the figures are not now available.

*Proposal of the Government of Ceylon to repatriate Indian labour.*

128 \***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI.** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps in regard to the proposal of the Government of Ceylon to repatriate Indian Labour and the number of Travancoreans affected thereby ?

**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :** Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counteracting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans. Other steps are also in contemplation.

*Applications to start English Middle Schools in 1113.*

129 \***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased :

(1) to lay on the table a statement showing the names &c. of persons who have applied for permission to start English Middle Schools in 1113, the places for which such applications have been received and the places for which sanction has been accorded ;

(2) to state whether they have granted permission to start any English Middle School or High School in any place in 1114 (up to 15-4-1114) ; and

(3) if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the managers, the panchayath and taluk in which such schools are situate, the classes allowed for each of such schools, the classes now held in them and the strength of such classes ?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON (Director of Public Instruction) :** (1) A statement \*is placed on the table.

(2) No.

(3) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (2)

\*Vide Appendix VI.

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